

REMARKS

The final office action of April 9, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

In the prior Action, claims 1-30 were pending. Claims 1-30 remain pending and no new claims are added. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6, 13-18, 25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rivette (US Patent No. 6,389,434). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

“navigating directly to said at least one other annotation of said at least one other object.”

The Examiner notes that Rivette navigates between sub-notes via objects. Thus, Rivette fails to disclose the navigation between sub-notes being performed directly. Accordingly, Applicants submit claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 recites similar recitations and is therefore allowable.

The dependent claims are allowable for at least these reasons.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels, however, that further amendment and/or discussion may be helpful in facilitating prosecution of the case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at the number appearing below.

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All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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